

Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting of  
The Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain Limited  
At 4.00pm on Saturday 1 October 2005  
In the Manchester Conference Centre Western Building Sackville Street  
Manchester M1 3BB

**1. Present**

Anthony Temple QC (Chairman), Dominic Mahony (Vice Chairman), David Langridge (Treasurer), Peter Hart (Chief Executive), Sheena Moss, Lawrence Moss, Jan Bartu, Bernie Moss, McGuigan, Juliet Wallace Mason, Hayley Gilman, Andrew Frazer, Geoff Lewis, Phil Burke, Clive Hawkins, Kath Lewis, Roy Lowndes-Northcott, Jo Wilkinson, Andrew Wilsher, Steven Davey, Stuart Mason, Cyril Marshall, Paul Kruzko, John Woodbridge, Steve Cowen, Dilys Langridge, Peter Whiteside, Trevor Haynes, Terry Bunyard, Victoria Finley (Sport England).

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Claire Harland, Philip Harland, Jill Andrews, Gill Measures, Bridget Robbie, Martin Dawe, Andy Surplice, Mark Evans, Mick Flaherty, Eileen Goodall, Bob Lydall, Gordon Lunn, Sean Kinsey, and Gwen Kinsey.

**3. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain Limited.

He informed the meeting that there would be a chance for an informal discussion following the formal process of the Annual General Meeting and invited Peter Hart, Chief Executive, to show a video recently received from the UIPM.

**4. To Approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2 October 2004**

The Chairman referred to the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held in 2004. No correction or notice of inaccuracy had been received. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with no further alteration.

**5. To receive from the Board a full statement of account, pursuant to Article 80**

The Chairman introduced the Treasurer of the Association, David Langridge, who spoke to the Statement of Accounts: this was the first year that the Association had operated as an incorporated body and therefore the Accounts were rather different in format to that of previous years. He also highlighted the following key areas:

Income and Expenditure

Total income for the year was £171,723, including the UK Sport grant of £116,620 towards administration. Membership subscriptions of £21,046 were fairly small in relation to the total. There had been a donation of £10,000 from Subaru (UK) Ltd. Total administrative expenditure was just over £153,436. The Administration account showed a surplus of £18,287.

### Competitions

Competitions income amounted to nearly £98,467, which included £72,339 from entry fees, £10,000 grant from UK Sport and £16,128 from the Biathle account. The Association had, however, spent £109,977 on running the competitions and the account therefore ended up with a deficit of £11,510.

### Merchandising

Merchandising generated sales of nearly £23,698 and the surplus for the year was £4,911. The Treasurer expressed thanks to Eileen Goodall who ran this area more or less single-handedly.

### World Class Performance Programme

The World Class Performance Programme matched income with expenditure.

The Treasurer explained that the budget was agreed with UK Sport in advance and money was spent accordingly. The account had started the year with a surplus of £26,201 brought forward from the previous year and at the end of the year still showed a surplus of £21,024. UK Sport had agreed to carry that surplus forward into the current programme rather than pay it back to them.

### Potential and Start Programme

The Treasurer explained that this area was financed by Sport England and ran similarly to the World Class Performance Programme. The programme had started rather late in the year and had brought £166,025 unspent from the previous period. At year end the account had finished £25,921 in credit and Sport England had agreed to carry that over to the current year.

### Summary

In summary there was a total surplus for year of £11,688 which the Treasurer regarded as reasonably satisfactory. In the year to come, with the credit of £25,921 from Sport England, he was confident that there would be a sensible surplus for the period.

### Looking Forward

The Treasurer explained that looking forward, the UK Sport funding of the World Class Performance Programme was confirmed and budgeted up to March 2009. Sport England funding of the Talented Athlete Programme (previously known as the Start and Potential Programme) was agreed in detail up to March 2006 and committed until March 2009 but not in detail. UK Sport would be continuing to fund administration through their Exchequer budget and this was agreed in detail up to March 2006 and committed up to March 2009. Sport England paid fifty per cent of the cost of the Training Centre at Bath and UK Sport paid the other half. This was agreed in detail up to March 2006 and committed to March 2009.

Overall the Association was in a good financial position with reserves of £127,643 (which was largely represented by cash) but without the continuing support of UK Sport and Sport England the organisation would not exist as it did today.

The Treasurer invited questions but none were raised.

The Accounts were approved.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks for David Langridge's work.

**6. To receive from the Board a report of the activities of the Association since the previous Annual General Meeting**

Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced his written report which he supplemented as follows: he thanked the previous Chairman, Andy Ripley, for creating the structure within the organisation that would allow the sport to develop, and reported briefly on Andy's present health, wishing him well.

The Chairman referred to Mark Barker's passing. Mark had been involved in the sport for much of his life and his presence would be missed by many. The Association sent their condolences to his family.

He drew the meeting's attention to the IOC's decision on Modern Pentathlon's ongoing inclusion in the Olympic programme and reported that initial discussions had started with UK Sport on further investment for the preparation of the Association's athletes and officials for the 2012 Games.

The Chairman reported on his continued commitment to reducing barriers to potential members and stressed the importance of communication with Sports Councils, the Board, the Regions and the Chief Executive in order to achieve this.

The Chairman reported that the membership had stood at 1493 when he had come to office and now amounted to 1893. He stressed the importance of driving the membership up and the need to demonstrate that the organisation was on its way up. He stated that

membership and insurance were intrinsically linked and that the Board had had to make changes to the membership structure to encourage new members into the Association whilst recognising the implications arising from the organisation's insurance. He invited the meeting to give their views of the membership structure at the Any Other Business part of meeting.

The Chairman reported on the present way that governing bodies were funded by the government and Sports Councils and said that he would seek to encourage that a more sophisticated approach be adopted. He stressed the need to demonstrate to UK Sport and Sport England that the organisation needed the money to fund the sport.

The Chairman drew attention to the generous donation of £10,000 from Subaru (UK) Ltd.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the volunteers involved with the organisation.

The Chairman invited questions: none were received.

#### Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive reported that with regards to funding, long term planning for the association should soon become possible due to Lord Carter's announcement that future funding was going to come through one body (UK Sport) and that hopefully by Christmas 2005, funding for the next seven years would be decided.

The Chief Executive thanked the Membership for their continued patience with regards to the changes within the Membership structure. There were still a few areas to tighten up on and the Board would shortly be making further recommendations.

With regard to the development of the sport, the Chief Executive informed the meeting that while most of the money the Sports Councils gave to the organisation went towards performance and talent identification, there were some resources available for the development side. This needed to be built upon and over the next twelve months it was hoped that a couple of pilot schemes could be run within the regions.

As for the Child Protection Policy, some funding had been ring-fenced from Sport England for the implementation of the Child Protection Policy and Criminal Record Bureau checks. Over the next twelve months these would be carried out on coaches and staff with appropriate Child Protection Training.

The Chief Executive reported on the successful office move from Tadley to Bath. He thanked Doug Hitchcock and Barbara Jones for the work they had done over many years whilst the office had been located in Tadley, the Association had been sad to lose them when the office had moved. There was a very able team now in place in Bath, including Liz Hunt who so competently ran the administration.

He thanked the many volunteers involved with the Association. The organisation was heavily reliant on volunteers and a need to reward their hard work had been identified. He also stressed the importance of communication between professional staff and volunteers and recognized there was room for improvement.

The Association's new website had been launched in June 2005. Margaret Hancock was thanked for her work over many years on the previous website. John Woodbridge had done fantastic work on establishing the new website. There was now one calendar for the Association and a good database listing various results.

The Chief Executive reported on the fantastic opportunity that London 2012 would give the Association to achieve a sustainable future. The next couple of months were going to be busy as the Government had requested seven year plans for funding with tight timescales for completion.

Finally, the Chief Executive thanked the Board and the Chairman for their support over the last twelve months. Questions were invited: none were received.

#### National Performance Director

The Chairman drew attention to the report from the National Performance Director which had been circulated with the agenda.

Questions were invited: none were received.

#### Competitions

The Chairman drew attention to the Competitions report that had been circulated with the agenda. Questions were invited: none were received.

#### **7. To re-appoint the Association's auditors**

The Chairman reported that the Treasurer had informed him that he was satisfied with the performance of Griffins of Newbury and recommended that they be re-appointed. This was agreed.

#### **8. Elections: to announce the appointment or election of the Vice Chairmen**

The Chairman informed the meeting that both Dominic Mahoney and Martin Dawe had been proposed and no other nominations had been received and therefore they were duly appointed. He thanked them for their contributions to the Association and congratulated them on their appointments. Howard Jones would be co-opted.

#### **9. Amendments to the Memorandum and Articles**

The Chairman referred to the two areas of business that had been submitted regarding changes of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, namely 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 listed below (underlined text to be added and struck through text deleted).

7.1.1 – ‘A member may withdraw from membership of the Association on seven days’ clear notice in writing to the Association, but no such notice shall be operative in the event of the member being subject to any disciplinary or similar procedure involving the Association or the UIPM until after the final determination of such procedure. Membership shall not be transferable in any event and shall cease immediately on death or dissolution or on the failure of the member to comply or to continue to comply with any condition of membership set out in these Articles or the Rules.’

The background to this change was to address the potential of an individual committing an offence and to enable the Association’s investigation/disciplinary process to be completed without being thwarted by the individual resigning membership.

7.1.2 – ‘Members shall pay any subscription or affiliation fees set by the Board. Any member whose subscription or affiliation fee is more than ~~six~~ one months in arrears shall, subject to Article 4 be deemed to have resigned from the Association.’

Currently members were Members of the Association for six months after their renewal date had expired. This was being reduced to one month. No other organisation had so long a period of grace, which was at the expense of those who renewed on time.

Both amendments were proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Chief Executive and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

**10. To consider and if appropriate transact such other business as may be properly brought before it**

Membership Structure

A full discussion was held on the current membership structure linked to membership benefits. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Board will give all the views expressed due consideration at the next Board meeting.

**11. Close of meeting**

With no further items for discussion, the meeting was closed and the Chairman thanked all those in attendance.

Peter Hart  
Chief Executive